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Application No. 09/989,470, filed November 21, 2001. The other reissue application is a
divisional of Application No. 09/989,470. The serial number and filing date of the divisional
application is , filed June 30, 2003.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

→ Please cancel non-elected, withdrawn claims 32-37 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending. By this Amendment, non-elected, Examiner-withdrawn claims 32-37 are cancelled. At least some of the cancelled, non-elected claims are being pursued in a divisional application.

The specification has been amended to reference the divisional application. The serial number of the divisional application will be provided as soon as that information is available to Applicant.

The Quayle Action indicated that this application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of non-elected, Examiner-withdrawn claims 32-37. Because those claims have been cancelled, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the Species of Fig. 7, as was done in the corresponding 009 patent.

The original Letters Patent is surrendered with the attached Surrender of Letters Patent.

In view of the cancellation of non-elected claims 32-37, the inventorship of this application is amended to delete Naomasa Shiraishi as an inventor. The Examiner is requested to act upon and grant the Request for Amendment of Inventorship filed herewith.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Petition for Extension of Time
Surrender of Original Letters Patent
Request to Amend Inventorship

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